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Azra Khawaja, left, and Mahboob Khawaja, the parents of Mohammad Momin Khawaja, leave the Ottawa courthouse yesterday during a break in their son's terror trial.

Terror trial begins

Court hears Khawaja
central to bomb plot
targeting the U.K.



security measures

» The opening day of 29-year-old Mohammad Momin Khawaja's terror trial featured roaming tactical squads, barricades and security officials who confiscated gels and liquids from visitors to the downtown courthouse. Outside the courthouse, there were tactical units from Ottawa Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

By TRACEY TONG
Metro Ottawa

An Ottawa man was responsible for designing and creating a remote-controlled bomb detonator as part of a plot to attack populated areas of the United Kingdom, a downtown courtroom heard yesterday.

Mohammad Momin Khawaja, 29, created the device he called the "Hi-Fi Digimonster" as his part of a U.K. bomb plot, prosecutor David McKercher charged yesterday during opening statements into one of the highest profile cases in Ottawa's history.

Citing intercepted e-mails and wiretapped conversations, McKercher described how Khawaja, a software developer who outwardly lived a middle-class life in Orleans, held extremist views and was prepared to participate in killing civilians.

The court will hear evidence that

Khawaja was part of a plan to build and detonate a bomb made from 600 kilograms of ammonium nitrate-based fertilizer "that could cause massive destruction," said McKercher.

The first Canadian to be charged under a post-9/11 anti-terrorism law, Khawaja faces seven terror-related charges. If convicted, he faces life in prison.

Dressed in a grey suit and white shirt, Khawaja's hair was parted neatly in the middle and pulled in a braid to either side. He had slight stubble on his face. He smiled and waved to his parents and other family members, who waved back. He spoke only to his lawyer and to answer the charges as read by the court.

He pleaded not guilty to all counts. McKercher alleged that, in 2003, Khawaja attended a paramilitary training camp in Pakistan, where he

learned to use an assault rifle and rocket-propelled grenade launcher.

Khawaja also allegedly met with members of terrorist groups in the U.K. in 2003 and 2004, travelling to England in early 2004 to show other members the device he had built, said McKercher.

British and U.S. intelligence agencies were tracking his conversations through listening devices in his home and in a Suzuki Vitara belonging to Omar Khyam, the group's leader.

Khawaja was arrested in March 2004 at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, where he worked.

A police search of his home discovered semi-automatic weapons, ammunition and guerrilla warfare-related books.

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METRO OTTAWA

Police want say in special events

Organizers should pay for cops: Chief

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

Organizers of large, private conferences here that draw protesters should be made to pay for the cost of policing their events.

In a report to the police

services board, Police Chief Vern White recommends a new approach to approving privately-run events that represent an elevated security threat to the city—and added expense to city taxpayers through the police budget.

For example, the annual Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries Conference trade show, held

«The result was a \$30,000 hit to the taxpayer, so a private corporation could make money.»

Police Chief Vern White

here this spring, ended up costing Ottawa Police \$30,000. Officers were deployed to enhance security and to deal with demonstrators. Most of the added cost for the conference was over-

time, and none of that was budgeted.

"The expectation was that we were going to have protests. They purchased a level of pay duty officers, but certainly not to the level to

protect that scene and location," White said yesterday. "The result was a \$30,000 hit to the taxpayer, so a private corporation could make money."

White wants Ottawa Police to play an equal role with the city in approving similar events, in order to better assess risk and policing costs during the planning process.

The report was referred to the city solicitor and will be returned in the fall.

"These are events being held on private property that police end up being called to," Coun. Maria McRae said. "It's not that we don't want to support the events and the economy, but it is blatantly unfair that ... these are costs that cannot be made up."



An artist's rendering of the proposed construction trades school for Algonquin College.

New school to ease worker crunch

\$69M Algonquin expansion targets construction trades

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

A \$69-million trades school is coming to Algonquin College, but finding enough of the type of skilled workers that will one day be trained there to build it may prove difficult.

"If you look at what's going on in the city with the congress centre (expansion) and the Transit way and this building ... it's quite possible that we'll be at a shortage," said John Paul Tapp, dean of the college's school of transportation and building trades.

With a trades shortage looming, yesterday's announcement of \$35 million in provincial funds for the expansion is welcomed by the construction industry, which estimates it must recruit 300,000 people by 2016 just to replace retiring workers in Canada.

"It's such a huge demand, yet we don't have the training spaces," Jeff Morrison, with the Canadian Construction Association (CCA), said last month in joining the college's appeal for government funds.

Yesterday, the province answered with its investment. "We've got to continue to work at the highest level of competition and that is by continuing to invest in the skills and education of our people," Premier Dalton McGuinty said at the announcement.

College president Bob Gillett said \$136 million is needed for the total expansion, but the federal government has not responded to requests for a contribution. The provincial money, Gillett said, allows Algonquin to proceed with the first phase—a \$69-million construction trades complex, with room for 600 students.

The second phase is a health care centre that would add 2,000 spaces to train nurses and other pro-



Student Andrew Trepanier works at Algonquin College, where Premier Dalton McGuinty announced \$35 million in funds for a new construction trades building.

fessionals.

A pedestrian walkway will span Woodroffe Avenue and connect the expansion to the campus. Every aspect of the mechanics and operations of the building would be exposed to the students so they can learn from servicing it like a "living lab".

Tapp said the college is

targeting platinum or gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) status for the building, which means it would make the most efficient use of water, energy, and materials.

Construction is expected to begin in 2009, with classes starting in September 2011.

Police looking for 'high risk' offender

A warrant has been issued for a 54-year-old sex offender who is believed to be residing in either Ottawa or Gatineau and that police deem to be "high risk."

Gerald Paquette, 54, was released from prison without conditions last Friday after serving a four-year jail term for sex offences that occurred while he was a judo instructor.

According to detective Paul Heffler with Ottawa Police's High Risk Offender Section, Paquette used a position of authority to take advantage of younger male victims. Upon his release, Ottawa police obtained a judicial restraint order to limit Paquette's in-

volvement in "coaching and whatever was involved in his offence cycle before."

However, police have been unable to locate Paquette.

"In order to place him under this order, we have to bring him before the court," said Heffler. "He gave us an address in Ottawa, then he moved to Gatineau, but he seems to be trying to avoid being placed under the order."

Paquette is described as a white male, 5'5" tall and weighing 229 pounds. He has long grey hair, a grey beard and wears glasses.

Anyone with information can contact Heffler at 613-788-1217.



Paquette

METRO OTTAWA

Arrest follows two robberies

Police have arrested a 32-year-old city man in connection to hold ups at two Centretown businesses.

Robert Pattison, 32, of Ottawa faces charges after a food mart and a gas station store were robbed at knife-point within a short time of one another Sunday night, police reported yesterday.

Just before 8:17 p.m., a man armed with a knife entering the Variety Food Mart at 527 Bronson Ave., where

he demanded money. The suspect left without stealing anything.

A short time later, there was a robbery at a Petro-Canada gas station at 470 Bronson Ave. Shortly after that robbery, a suspect was arrested by police.

Police allege the same suspect committed both crimes. Police recovered cash taken in the robbery and a knife believed used in the hold ups.

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» **DAMAGES** Ottawa firefighters are investigating after carnival rides in the South Keys plaza parking lot caught fire early yesterday morning, causing severe damage to a trailer. Damage

has been estimated at \$100,000. There were no injuries. The incident is under investigation by the Ottawa fire prevention bureau.

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A debate over unleashed dog rights in Toronto's High Park could be connected to the poisoning of at least six animals over the weekend, said a Toronto police investigator yesterday. Six dogs fell ill after drinking from a hydrant that had traces of anti-freeze.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harper cabinet shuffle expected soon

Emerson likely to take on foreign affairs full-time

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says his upcoming cabinet shuffle, expected any day now that Parliament has broken for the summer, will be a minor tweak to the ministerial ranks to fill the gap left by Maxime Bernier's departure as foreign affairs minister.

Harper asked International Trade Minister David Emerson to step into the foreign affairs post temporarily when Bernier resigned last month after leaving classified documents at the home of ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard.

Emerson will attend the G-8 foreign ministers' meetings in Japan this week and many expect him to be asked to continue in the role, although he and Harper have different



senior shuffle coming

» Some insiders say the prime minister has suggested a larger shuffle could come in the fall if there is no election. In the meantime, it's expected at least 20 per cent of senior ministerial aides could be shuffled out.

views of how to approach China.

Emerson's cool handling of questions around NAFTA — when it became a political hot potato in the U.S. — and around the Afghanistan

prison break is said to have impressed Harper.

That scenario would see the Prime Minister likely shift a junior minister or parliamentary secretary such as Diane Ablonczy, Ted Menzies

or Christian Paradis into the international trade job, at least until a more major shuffle, possibly in the fall.

"I believe that most of our ministers are just beginning to hit their stride in their portfolios," Harper said last week in Huntsville.

"I don't believe this would be the time for major changes to cabinet," Harper told reporters. "I see no need for a comprehensive overhaul

now."

While some have suggested Finance Minister Jim Flaherty might be pegged for a move given his inflammatory comments on Ontario's economic prospects under the McGuinty government, many inside government say Harper is unlikely to do anything that would send a broader signal about uncertainty over the economy.

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» **RAINMEN** Halifax Rainmen owner Andre Levingston announced yesterday the Rainmen will join the Premier Basketball League for the upcoming season. The Rainmen were turned down by the NBA Developmental League for the 2008-09.

» **TASER** An Ontario man died yesterday after being Tasered by the Ontario Provincial Police, the force said in a press release. The incident occurred in Norfolk County, about 130 km southwest of Toronto.

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British Columbia Carbon tax



B.C. provincial NDP Leader Carole James, centre, with other B.C. politicians, protest the provincial carbon tax yesterday. B.C. is the first province to implement the controversial tax. The provincial tax takes effect July 1.

Testimony attacked as hearsay

The lawyer for Momin Khawaja interrupted the prosecution's first witness at the Ottawa man's terror trial yesterday, claiming much of the man's testimony hinged on hearsay.

"This is an iceberg and we're just seeing the tip of it," Ottawa

lawyer Lawrence

Greenspon told the judge, referring to the testimony of Crown witness, Mohammed Junaid Babar.

Greenspon argued that much of what Babar — a convicted Al Qaeda supporter turned informant — said about his client was based on what third parties told him.

Yesterday in court, Babar said an associate in London told him that "someone from Canada was coming" and that this Canadian had a house in Pakistan that the group could use.

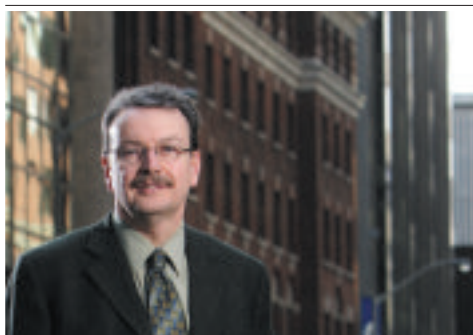
"The evidence is prejudicial, unfair, and Mr. Khawaja is not going to have much of an opportunity to answer it because the persons who supposedly made these comments to Mr. Babar are not being produced," Greenspon later told reporters.

Khawaja, of Orleans, is accused of designing a remote bomb detonator to be used in planned attacks in the United Kingdom.

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» Courtroom 37 was was cordoned off by a floor-to-ceiling wire fence.

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serial killer

Paul Bernardo link exonerates man

ATTACK The Crown has conceded a 40-year-old London, Ont., roofer should be exonerated of a 1987 knife-point assault on a 15-year-old Scarborough girl, which serial killer Paul Bernardo has confessed to committing. The Crown submitted its material in connection with a hearing that's scheduled to take place tomorrow in the case of Anthony Hane-mayer, who was arrested on the strength of eyewitness identification.

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Edmonton woman finds live grenade

Police determine device belongs to Canadian military

The Canadian military and police are investigating after a package containing a brand new hand grenade, belonging to the army, was found in a suburban backyard in Edmonton, police said yesterday.

The Edmonton woman discovered the suspicious package on Sunday and took it to her local police station, where officers told her to carefully place it on the

lawn.

Police called in the bomb squad, which determined the item was a grenade, still in its packaging and belonging to the Canadian military.

The technicians made sure the package was secure and called military personnel in to dispose of the ordnance.

"It is quite unusual for someone to find a grenade in their backyard, especially one that hasn't been spent," Edmonton police spokeswoman Patrycia Chalupczynska said.

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In a study of more than 3 million adults, scientists in Texas found that hospital patients who abused amphetamines were 61 per cent more likely than other people to be treated for a heart attack. **REUTERS**

UN blasts Zimbabwe vote

Security Council says fair election 'impossible'

The UN Security Council declared yesterday that a free and fair run-off presidential election in Zimbabwe would be impossible now due to violence and restrictions on the opposition.

The nonbinding statement, the council's first formal action on Zimbabwe, was

adopted unanimously. This means it had the backing of South Africa, China and Russia, which had long opposed any council discussion of the crisis in Zimbabwe.

"The Security Council regrets that the campaign of violence and the restrictions on the political opposition have made it impos-

sible for a free and fair election to take place on June 27," the statement said.

«... **The restrictions on the political opposition have made it impossible for a free and fair election to take place on June 27.**»

UN Security Council statement

the election will take place on Friday," Boniface Chidyausiku told reporters.

The Security Council text was watered down from an earlier version, which explicitly blamed President Robert Mugabe's government for the crisis and said opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai would be the legitimate leader if a credible run-off election cannot be held.

However, the final version says the council "notes that the results of the 29 March 2008 elections must be respected." **REUTERS**

U.S. troops kill 55 Taliban in ambush

Eastern front sees rise in violence

U.S.-led coalition troops killed some 55 Taliban insurgents who ambushed them in southeastern Afghanistan, close to the Pakistan border, the U.S. military said yesterday.

There has been a sharp rise in violence along Afghanistan's eastern frontier in recent months. NATO generals say de-facto ceasefires between Pakistan's new government and militants in its border region free up insurgents to infiltrate into Afghanistan.

Taliban insurgents ambushed the coalition forces with small arms fire and

Pakistan set back

» Pakistani militants loyal to Taliban commander Baitullah Mehsud captured a town at the entrance to the South Waziristan tribal region yesterday after a battle with pro-government tribesmen, police said.

rocket-propelled grenades in the Zerok district of Paktika province on Friday, a U.S. military statement said.

Among those killed were three Taliban leaders.

"Around 55 anti-Afghan forces were killed, 25 wounded and three detained as part of the combined response of coalition ground and air forces," the statement said. **REUTERS**

Weather hampers ferry rescue efforts

Many passengers feared trapped

Rescuers halted efforts yesterday night to find nearly 800 people missing from a capsized ferry in the Philippines as darkness fell and large swells prevented divers from drilling holes into the doomed vessel.

Many passengers were feared trapped inside the Princess of Stars after a handful of survivors said people were still onboard when the ship sank off the central island of Sibuyan in waves as big as houses during Saturday's typhoon.

But officials held little hope of finding people alive in air pockets on the ferry.

"We feel there is no life inside," said Lieutenant-Colonel Edgard Arevalo, a Philippine navy spokesman.

The ship was resting upside down with the tip of its bow above water and its stern

over 50 found alive

» So far, over 50 people have been found alive and at least 20 have been reported dead out of 864 passengers and crew on board.

resting on the bottom of the sea, easily visible from shore.

The coast guard said divers would cut open the 23,824 ton vessel today after rescue efforts were halted for the night.

At least 20 new survivors and 15 bodies were found close to Masbate island, at least 70 kilometres away from where the ship sank.

"We are still working on the positive identification of the survivors as well as the fatalities," Captain Gilbert Rueros said.

The United States was sending a military ship, the USNS Stockham, with helicopters on board, to help with rescue efforts. **REUTERS**



Betty Suson shows a photographer a picture of her daughter Marites Suson next to a notice board where pictures of missing passengers of the capsized ferry, MV Princess of Stars are being posted in Cebu City, Central Philippines yesterday.

Floods kill 35 in China

Floods, landslides and hail in the southwestern Chinese province of Yunnan have killed 35 people, state media said yesterday.

The storms have affected around 1.9 million people and caused losses of some 575 million yuan (\$85 mil-

lion) in the province, the official Xinhua news agency said, though it did not specify a timeframe.

In the eastern province of Anhui, torrential rain and floods over the weekend affected about 541,000 people, it added. **REUTERS**

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» **CAMP** International donors offered \$120 million yesterday to help rebuild a Palestinian refugee camp badly damaged in fighting between Islamist militants and the Lebanese army last year. The Austrian foreign ministry, hosting a conference in Vienna, said the sum had been pledged for the Nahr al-Bared camp in northern Lebanon. It did not

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» **DRUNK** Police in Australia have charged a man for drunk driving in a motorized wheelchair after he was found to be six times over the legal alcohol limit, local media reported yesterday. **REUTERS**



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Banks want concessions

All options on table, sources say

Banks funding the planned \$34.1 billion takeover of telecommunications company BCE Inc. have asked for more significant economic concessions and have weighed



background

» BCE won a legal victory Friday after the Supreme Court backed the company in a battle against bondholders.

ed altering or scuttling the deal, sources familiar with the situation said yesterday.

The concessions include

adding safeguards to the debt agreements, or seeking more lucrative terms on lending. The banks have actively con-

sidered walking away from the deal, the sources said.

"All options are on the table. Everything you would normally consider is being considered — sticking with the deal, changing the terms, or walking away," said one source.

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Credit Union Centrals poised to merge

\$8B in assets for combined entity

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With \$8 billion in assets,

the combined entity will be known as Central 1. It will act as an umbrella organization for about 195 member credit unions in both provinces, providing them with a slew of payment, treasury, banking and trade services.

Legislative delays scuttled a previously planned merger.

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» **ENERGY** Oil rose \$1.38 to \$136.74 yesterday as Nigerian supply disruptions and escalating tensions between Israel and Iran outweighed Saudi Arabia's pledge to raise output and keep markets supplied. Nigeria's senior oil workers union began a limited strike at Chevron yesterday. While the stoppage has not disrupted production yet, it added to concerns about supplies from the OPEC nation. The European Union approved new sanctions on Iran.

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The city of Gaeseong, North Korea, was recently opened to travellers from South Korea last December and is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that can be accessed for day-long trips from Seoul. As the 500-year-old capital



city of the Goryeo Dynasty (AD 918-1392), the city holds great cultural and historical value. Major attractions include Bakyoon Falls, Seonjuk Bridge, Buddhist temples and the Goryeo Museum.

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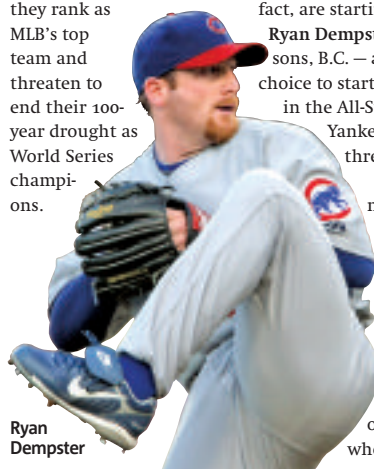
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Washington Nationals first baseman Nick Johnson, left, will undergo surgery today to determine the extent of his right wrist injury. Johnson missed the entire 2007 season after recovering from a broken leg. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canadian cooking for cruising Cubs

The Cubs are all the rage in Chicago these days — actually, throughout baseball — as they rank as MLB's top team and threaten to end their 100-year drought as World Series champions.



Ryan Dempster

They wouldn't be in this lofty position, however, were it not for a Canadian pitcher. Baseball buffs, in fact, are starting to tout Ryan Dempster — of Gibsons, B.C. — as the logical choice to start for the NL in the All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium in three weeks.

"Ryan's definitely got the numbers," Cubs manager Lou Piniella told me via telephone yesterday. "If I had to pick one player who's most re-

sponsible for what we've done in the first half this season, it might just be Ryan. He's quite a story."

That's a considerably different

tune than Piniella was whistling about Dempster last season, when the right-hander struggled lamentably in the role of closer for the Cubs. He finished 2007 with a record of 2-7 and an earned-run average of 4.73, which wasn't really much better than the 1-9 and 4.80 he posted as a Chicago reliever in



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After the stench he created out of the Cubs' bullpen, however, Dempster was transformed this season into a

starter by Piniella, and the results have been, well, deodorizing.

At 31, Dempster is 9-2, with a 2.63 ERA. He is perfect this year at Chicago's Wrigley Field (9-0), where the Cubs have won 14 consecutive games — their longest winning streak since 1936. The team is 12-3 in games Dempster has

started. On Sunday night, he turned in a gem in a victory over the crosstown rival White Sox at a Wrigley Field sellout.

Standing ovations were directed at him twice during the internationally televised game.

Translation: Dempster is a shoo-in as MLB's comeback player of the year.

"It's like I'm a different person," he said in an interview. "I'm giving all the credit to (Cubs clubhouse attendant) Otis Hellman. He's a great cook. It really gets you prepared. I'm trying now to see if I can get him cooking for us on the road."

In reality, Dempster's

conditioning has been considerably more responsible for his revival than Hellman's culinary talents.

"You throw a lot more innings as a starter than you do as a closer," Dempster said, "so I realized before the season that I'd better get my body in better shape. I've been working out like crazy, like I never have before, and I know I'm stronger because of it. I'm a lot more confident. I'm thinking big, and I'm performing a lot better and I'm getting great results." Just like the Cubs.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Dancevic delivers Wimbledon upset

Niagara Falls native ousts No. 7 Nalbandian

Former finalist David Nalbandian became the highest men's seed to perish in the opening round at Wimbledon yesterday, beaten 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 by Canada's Frank Dancevic.

The seventh-seeded Argentine, runner-up in 2002, looked completely out of sorts, bamboozled by winners flying off Dancevic's racket.

The 95th-ranked Dancevic, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., put Nalbandian out of misery with a booming ace, his 16th of the match.

The defeat condemned the Argentine to his earliest exit from the All England Club.

"I expected better than this for sure," said a sullen Nalbandian, who hinted he was carrying an injury but refused to elaborate.

Dancevic will next face American Bobby Reynolds as he bids to reach the third round of a grand slam for the first time.

In yesterday's other action, world No. 1 Roger Federer began his pursuit of a modern-era record sixth successive Wimbledon title by dismantling his old doubles partner Dominik Hrbaty 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

On a good day for grand slam champions, Federer was joined in round two by Novak Djokovic, Lleyton Hewitt, Marat Safin, Serena Williams, Ana Ivanovic, Amelie Mauresmo and Svetlana Kuznetsova.

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Canada's Frank Dancevic reacts after his first-round win over Argentina's David Nalbandian yesterday at Wimbledon. Dancevic, ranked 95th in the world, won in straight sets 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

NHL

Emery officially cut loose by Sens

JOBS The Ray Emery era in Ottawa is officially over.

The Senators bought out the remaining two years of the maligned goaltender's contract yesterday for \$2.25 million US, thus making him an unrestricted free agent.

After helping backstop the Sens to the Stanley Cup Final last year, the 25-year-old Emery went 12-13-4 with a 3.13 GAA and a .890 save percentage in 31 games this year.

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Kobe, LeBron to lead U.S. squad into Beijing

Raptors' Bosh also among elite dozen

Kobe Bryant and LeBron James, the NBA's Most Valuable Player and its leading scorer, headed the 12-man U.S. Olympic basketball team named yesterday for the Beijing Olympics.

New Orleans Hornets point guard Chris Paul and Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh were also included in the squad, which the U.S. Olympic Committee hopes will reverse a trend of disappointing results for American teams in recent international competitions.

Jerry Colangelo, managing

director of USA Basketball, said the emphasis was on building a team that would play well together, rather than collecting NBA all-stars.

"It's already been proven that a group of all-stars does not necessarily ensure that you're going to win," he said at a press conference.



Bryant

ference.

"You need scorers, you need size, you need distributors, you need role players and we've stayed true to that."

The team features six guards and five forwards with Orlando's Dwight Howard the only regular centre named in the team.

The U.S. team's head coach Mike Krzyzewski said the emphasis was on speed and versatility.

He added that team defence will decide whether the U.S. team can win the gold medal, and said three point guards were selected so the U.S. team could win that critical matchup every game.

Besides Bryant and Paul, the other guards are Jason Kidd (Dallas), Michael Redd (Milwaukee), Dwyane Wade (Miami) and Deron Williams (Utah).

Carmelo Anthony (Denver), Carlos Boozer (Utah), and Tayshaun Prince (Detroit) join James and Bosh in the forward ranks.

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» sports In Brief

» **NBA** The Denver Nuggets suspended forward Carmelo Anthony for the first two games of the 2008-09 season following his arrest on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, the team said yesterday. Anthony, who averaged 25.7 points and 7.4 rebounds per game this past season, was arrested on April 14 and is scheduled to appear in court in Denver today.

» **NHL** The Nashville Predators have signed defenceman Shea Weber to a three-year contract and also finalized an agreement with goaltender Dan Ellis. Weber, entering his fourth season with the Predators, will earn \$13.5 million U.S. Ellis, who agreed to a deal before the draft last week, will receive \$3.5 million over two years.

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MLB

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

INTERLEAGUE
Arizona 2 Boston 1
L.A. Angels 3 Washington 2
Seattle 5 N.Y. Mets 2
Colorado at Kansas City
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee 4 Atlanta 1

TONIGHT'S GAMES

INTERLEAGUE
Arizona at Boston, 7:05
N.Y. Yankees at Pittsburgh, 7:05
St. Louis at Detroit, 7:05
San Francisco at Cleveland, 7:05
Cincinnati at Toronto, 7:07
Seattle at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:10
L.A. Angels at Washington, 7:10
Texas at Houston, 8:05
Baltimore at Chicago Cubs, 8:05
Colorado at Kansas City, 8:10
Minnesota at San Diego, 10:05
Philadelphia at Oakland, 10:05
Chicago Sox at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:10

CFL

WEEK 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Montreal at Hamilton, 7
B.C. at Calgary, 10

FRIDAY'S GAME
Toronto at Winnipeg, 8

SATURDAY'S GAME
Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 7:30

BASEBALL

CAN-AM LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE OTTAWA RAPIDS:

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Sussex at OTTAWA — PPD. (rain)

TONIGHT'S GAMES
Sussex at OTTAWA, 6:05 (doubleheader)

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For those keeping their cars

Here's how to lower gas costs

This week one of our Smart Cookies is handing back her leased vehicle and opting for public transit. With gas prices soaring, we can't help but think it's a smart decision. However, those of us who rely on cars to get around (this includes two Smart Cookies), have to be a bit more creative and efficient to not pay a small fortune for our fuel.

Below are a few of Smart Cookies top tips on saving at the pump.

» Watch your idle time. Letting your engine idle for more than 30 seconds will burn more gas than restarting the engine, so turn the engine off if you expect a long wait.

» Resist the convenience of the drive-thru. We know it's tough to avoid when



Five to twenty minutes of fuel is consumed each time the drive-thru is used and for those who use one often, this is an unnecessary waste of fuel.

you've just hopped out of bed and are running for a coffee. But for those who regularly use a drive-thru, the best choice is to park the car and go in. Five to

20 minutes of fuel is consumed each time the drive-thru is used and for those who use one often, this is an unnecessary waste of fuel.

» Map out your errands. Do multiple errands on the same morning or afternoon and plan out your trip ahead of time.

Consolidate drives to locations that are close to each other. If possible, park your car in one spot and walk when you get there.

» Take a break from driving. Carpool, take public transit, or telecommute one day per week instead of driving to work.

» Check the web for deals. Several gasoline price watching websites let you



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find the best deals in your area. *Gas-buddy.com* is one of our favourites.

» Keep your tires properly inflated and aligned. Under-inflated tires cause fuel consumption to

increase by six per cent.

» Change your oil. Clean oil reduces wear caused by friction between moving parts and removes harmful substances from the engine.

» Check and replace air filters regularly. Your car's air filter keeps impurities in the air from damaging internal engine components. Clogged filters can cause

up to a 10 per cent increase in fuel consumption.

» Park in the first spot you find. If you wander all over the parking lot looking for that really close parking space, you'll use more gas and waste more time.

Smart Cookies say don't be afraid to walk a ways if it comes to that — you'll be saving money and burning calories all at once!

We would like to dedicate this column to the loving memory of Duane — 2001 Pontiac Grand AM. Thanks for the good times.

If you have questions for the Smart Cookies, email us at smartcookies@metronews.ca.

Time in Wednesday night at 9 p.m. EST/PST on the W Network and be sure to visit smartcookies.com for more tips.

The audit nightmare

I've operated a mechanic shop for the past eight years. Last week, I received a letter from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) saying that I have been selected for an audit. I have always filed and paid my taxes on time. Why would they choose me and to what extent am I obligated?

—GUS, TORONTO

Most Canadian taxpayers would happily go through life without experiencing an audit from the CRA. Unfortunately, this reality can become a nightmare.

Why else would CRA audit you but to find additional taxes owed to them? Do not be misled — the CRA does not assign an agent to spend up to several weeks at your office so that the audit may result with the taxpayer receiving a larger tax refund. Fantasy land is in Florida!

Individuals should check the letter and ensure it is not a request for additional in-



MONEY MATTERS
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A mechanic shop owner, who's always paid taxes on time, wonders why the CRA has selected him for an audit.

formation. A request can be resolved by simply complying — end of story. Businesses should clarify and confirm the purpose of the audit, such as payroll, GST, corporate taxes, etc. Advise your accountant immediately.

Audits are generally selected by CRA through computer-generated lists, specific groups, leads, or associated government authorities. Do not ignore their letters, as you will only delay the inevitable. Unlike a collection agency, the CRA does not go away due to lack of response by the taxpayer.

Unfortunately, although a

taxpayer may have nothing to hide, an audit can be time-consuming and stressful. Maintaining proper records and files can reduce the time spent by the CRA at your office and ultimately result in a squeaky clean audit.

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Shower curtain chemicals

Report on vinyl warns of product contamination

As many as 100 harmful chemicals are released into the air from PVC shower curtains, according to a recent study.

Toxic chemical off-gassing may contribute to respiratory irritation, damage to the liver, central nervous and reproductive systems, according to the report, titled "Volatile vinyl: The new shower curtain's chemical smell."

The report was released jointly by the U.S.-based Center for Health, Environment and Justice, Canada-based Environment Defence and Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA).

Pregnant women and children are particularly vulnerable, and heat or humidity can increase the release of chemicals, said the report.

Using PVC shower curtains purchased from U.S. retailers, researchers found numerous hazardous chemicals including volatile organic compounds (VOC), phthalate, organotins and metals. Seven of the chemicals are classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as hazardous air pollutants and several are considered human health concerns — but not regulated — under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

"Not only are vinyl products contaminating our indoor air, but they release toxic dioxins during manu-



A recent report found PVC shower curtains contained numerous hazardous chemicals that could damage reproductive systems.

facturing and incineration," said CELA executive director

Theresa McClenaghan.

"The federal government

has a window of opportunity to proactively regulate these chemicals with a major bill before Parliament to amend the federal Hazardous Products Act."

Environment Defence and CELA urged Ottawa to ban PVC in shower curtains and called on manufacturers and retailers to switch

to safer products, such as those made of cotton. They are also asking for warning labels on PVC curtains. One of the brands tested was also found in Canadian stores, and major department stores in Canada sell a variety of vinyl shower curtains, said

Environment Defence.

The American Chemistry Council, which represents chemical manufacturers, defends the safety of phthalate,

an additive that makes hard plastics flexible. In testimony before the U.S. Senate last May, the council said American regulatory agencies "have reached conclusions supporting their safe use" and the "scientific evidence supports the continued use." However, the council admitted that media attention has created public concern about those chemicals.

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They really are everywhere, and marketers know to put them near the cash...right where we have to spend all that time waiting. It does not matter what store you go in, **you will find candies by the cash.**

Whether it is a hardware store, grocery store or many large, retail box-stores, waiting to pay means filing past an endless display of candies!!! And that means temptation for children, who will soon be pulling at your arms, begging you "Can I have this?"

Gas stations are another spot. As if the price of gas is not expensive enough. Try escaping the gas station without the added expense of chocolate bars, pop and gum.

Even drug stores fail to provide any refuge from sugary products. In a way, perhaps it is quite appropriate. For kids, **sugar is such an addictive drug** they just cannot say no to!

Once upon a time, sugar was actually considered a harmless additive to most foods...something to give them a more pleasant taste. Over the years, we have learned better.

We have heard a great deal about how the high sugar diet has contributed to the **childhood obesity epidemic**. We know that obesity is associated with so many other **health issues**.

We also know how sugar can cause so many problems for the dental health of our children. When **bacteria in the mouth (plaque)** comes into contact with the high amounts of **sugar** so many kids consume, **acid is produced that can easily remain in the mouth for 20 minutes**. And that acid can lead to decay.



Healthy Habits Lead to Healthy Lives
Dr. David Lui
Dental Surgeon

The question is, **what can we do about it this summer?** More and more schools are removing sugary products from their hallways. It is up to us as parents to follow suit this summer.

If you are taking a road trip, **pack healthy snacks and lunches in advance**. This will avoid the temptation to "fuel up" on sugary snacks at the gas station. If your child becomes upset because you refuse to buy them that chocolate bar at the grocery store, do your best to **hold your ground**. They may get upset now, but they will thank you later in life when they still have a **mouthful of healthy teeth**.

So give them the best chance to keep those teeth. **Schedule a dentist appointment for your children** this summer to make sure their teeth are healthy now. Then look for ways to reduce the amount of sugar they eat. Sugary foods taste so good and can be hard to resist. But reducing the amount of sugar we eat is a healthy habit...and healthy habits lead to healthy lives.

Day to night makeup



From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@alive.com

When it comes to makeup, it's easier than you think to transform a neutral daytime palette into something chic and sultry for a night on the town. The rules for day still apply, but with a twist.

To go from day to evening, keep your look fresh and natural — just add depth, a little shimmer, and a lot more shine.

FIND GOOD-QUALITY, PORTABLE PRODUCTS

» Before you head out in the morning, along with your makeup, pack a set of professional makeup brushes made with natural bristles. Not only are they handy for touch-ups, but they are also easier to clean and carry fewer bacteria than sponge applicators.

FOCUS ON YOUR EYES

» Now play up your eyes.



Allow smoky eyes to dominate your evening look with a nude or natural shade of lipstick, layered with clear or tinted lip gloss.

After all, smoky eyes are a girl's best friend. Try adding a darker taupe eyeshadow in the crease and to the outside corner of the lid, blending well. Using charcoal, chocolate brown or deep plum eyeliner or shadow, line the eye at the lash line and smudge for instant drama.

GIVE FLAWS THE SLIP

» To get ready for the evening, freshen your look by removing existing

makeup and reapplying foundation to a clean complexion. Apply tinted moisturizer or a light concealer on trouble spots such as blemishes or sunspots, and set with a dusting of translucent powder.

MAKE YOUR LIPS SPEAK VOLUMES

» Neutral lipstick colours plump up lips naturally and allow smoky eyes to dominate your evening look. Apply a nude or natural shade of lipstick and layer with clear or tinted lip gloss.

GET CHEEKY

» Gently highlight cheekbones with a bronzy glow. Dot a sheer powder or liquid highlighter at the tops of the cheekbones and blend. Play with light and shadows by adding highlights to the centre of the forehead, chin, neck and shoulders.

A sexy, polished night time look can be yours—just be playful and have fun.

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Coffee not linked to cancer



A recent study found no link between coffee consumption and cancer deaths.

Long-term coffee drinking does not appear to increase a person's risk of early death and may cut a person's chances of dying from heart disease, according to a study published yesterday.

Previous studies have given a mixed picture of health effects from coffee, finding a variety of benefits and some drawbacks from the popular drink. The new study looked at people who drank caffeinated or decaf-

feinated coffee.

Researchers led by Esther Lopez-Garcia of Universidad Autonoma de Madrid in Spain followed 84,214 U.S. women from 1980 to 2004 and 41,736 U.S. men from 1986 to 2004.

They found that regular coffee drinking — up to six cups a day — was not associated with increased deaths among the study's middle-aged participants. The study found no association between coffee consumption and cancer deaths.

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Garage sale etiquette tips



HINESIGHT
ANNE HINES

Summer. Time to slap on the Coppertone, throw on a cover-up, floppy hat, dark glasses, and get out and enjoy the sun. I am a great believer in sunscreen. I use SPF 597. By September, I often end up whiter than I started out.

This is also the season to participate in that great Canadian ritual, the street garage sale. In my neighbourhood, we call it the annual Trading of the Trash. Once a year, for three hours on a Saturday morning, we attempt to sell our friends and neighbours all the things we can't wait to get rid of our selves.

Having had years of garage sale experience, I am happy to provide these handy tips to those trying it for the first time.

If the sale is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., the serious buyers will arrive at your place promptly at 6:45 a.m.

It is poor etiquette to view any item of your neighbour's and exclaim, "I can't believe you actually bought that!" particularly when you yourself are trying to hock the coconut bra you brought back from your last vacation.

Seek out garage sales being thrown by gay couples. The stuff they're throwing out will be nicer than the stuff you're keep-



TOI/STAR FILE PHOTO

If a garage sale is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., serious buyers will arrive at 6:45 a.m., warns our columnist Anne Hines, a garage sale veteran.

ing.

Impress on your children that the point of a street sale is to get rid of more stuff than they buy from other people. One year my daughter, Becky, came home dragging a giant pink semi-petrified stuffed horse that she couldn't believe someone sold to her for \$1. I am still not speaking to those neighbours.

A common mistake among newbie garage-salers is assuming that the designer feathered lamp you paid \$200 for in a store ought to fetch more than \$1.50 at a garage sale. To find the proper price, follow these simple steps.

1.) Imagine that the item being priced was a birth-

day gift from an ex-boyfriend/girlfriend/employer/spouse.

2.) Imagine you noticed a sticker on the bottom that said, "Free with purchase of Beefyman Beer."

3.) Imagine the item also came with a card reading, "To Sue, with all my love."

4.) Your name is not Sue. Subtract 25¢ (if you still can) and you have the proper garage sale price.

Finally, feel free to buy for yourself anything and everything that catches your eye. You'll have something to sell next year.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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»news In Brief

» **DRUGS** A highly effective leukemia pill may reduce complications and boost the effectiveness of a treatment for the most common type of stroke, an international team of researchers said on Sunday.

» **ALLERGIES** German researchers say they have

found some of the strongest evidence yet linking traffic pollution to childhood allergies. The study followed 3,000 healthy children from all over Munich for six years.

» **OBESITY** A brain chemical strongly linked to mood and appetite may also directly

affect fat gain, U.S. researchers reported recently. They said levels of serotonin, the nerve-signaling chemical targeted by many antidepressants, may also direct the body to put down fat regardless of how much food is eaten.

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Hip-hop producer Timbaland, left, tied the knot with publicist and mother of his child Monique Idlett in Aruba on Sunday.

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Edgy comic Carlin dies in Los Angeles



Carlin

PEOPLE Comedian George Carlin, a counter-culture hero famed for his routines about drugs, dirty words and the demise of humanity, died of heart failure at a Los Angeles-area hospital Sunday. He was 71.

Carlin, who had a history of heart and drug-dependency problems, died at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica about after being admitted earlier in the day for chest pains, said spokesman Jeff Abraham.

REUTERS

Small town, big dream

Geography plays role for some Idol hopefuls

By SANDY CAETANO
for Metro Ottawa

Many big stars have come out of small-town Canada from Bryan Adams to Celine Dion.

And making it that big depends on what you do with the opportunities handed to you. Canadian Idol is one of those big breaks you have to make the most of, especially when

you get to the Top 24 round of the singing competition.

Coming from a small town plays a big factor on how well contestants do. For Katherine St-Laurent, 17, being from Otterburn Park, Que., has taught her how to socialize and interact with people, which she says will help her in this competition.

"In a small town, a lot of people know each other ... (so) it is important, when being in the music business, to be able to communicate with people and build close bonds," says St-Laurent.

Of course growing up in a small town has other advantages like everyone knowing who you are. And that means a strong fan base.

"(It's) an advantage because a lot of people from your town know you, so there is so much support and cheering for you to continue," she says.

Marie-Pierre Bellerose, 25, from Quebec City echoes St-Laurent's thoughts on how much of an advantage it is getting the support from your community.

"It's an advantage in the



Marie-Pierre Bellerose, left, of Quebec City, Que., and Katherine St-Laurent, right, Otterburn Park, Que., are among Canadian Idol's Top 24.



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way that, people really support you if you come from their city," says Bellerose. "Like you know a lot of people there who knows a lot of people and the word gets around pretty fast! It's great the support I've been getting (so far)."

Bellerose says she's proud

of where she's from, and that she'll be thankful to everyone who supports her no matter how far she gets.

"I won't forget to thank them personally, I will of course try and get people all around Canada to love me to — I hope!," she says. "It's

definitely a challenge but I know I will have the support of my home town! Other than that, I will be me, and hope for the best!"

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Indiana Jones back on top overseas

Propelled by a powerhouse opening in Japan, Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull reclaimed the No. 1 spot at the foreign box office after an absence of two weekends.

The adventure earned \$25 million US from 62

markets, lifting its total foreign take to \$392 million. Japan contributed a huge \$13.1 million

The Incredible Hulk was second overall with \$23.4 million from 50 territories — 12 of them new — raising its international total to \$63.3

million.

Sex And The City finished a close No. 3 with \$21.4 million from 52 territories. Its foreign total stands at \$170 million.

Kung Fu Panda finished at No. 4 with \$19 million from 18 territories for a foreign

total of \$66.5 million. The cartoon opened at No. 1 in Mexico with \$5.9 million.

Last weekend's foreign champion, The Happening, slid to No. 5 with \$14.2 million from 64 markets for an early overseas total of \$57 million.

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Alfre Woodard will star opposite Christian Slater in NBC's new Jekyll and Hyde-themed drama series *My Own Worst Enemy*. Woodard will play a tough and astute boss at Janus HQ. REUTERS



I'm no Simon, insists reality judge JC Chasez

Former 'N SYNC singer denies being 'mean'

By **TINA CHADHA**
Metro World News

JC Chasez would rather not be compared to Simon Cowell just because he's a judge on MTV's wildly popular competitive dance show, *America's Best Dance Crew*.

"Everyone says that but I've never once said anything mean," explains the 32-year-old former 'N SYNC singer who, like Cowell, entices boos from the crowd for his harsh critiques, even to seemingly perfect routines. Chasez is a stickler for "details."

"I've never said, like, I'd rather stab myself in the eye than watch you guys dance," he says indignantly. "I give critiques, you know, because I want it to be the best it can possibly be. I want them to achieve their maximum potential."

If Chasez sounds like a relentless stage mom, it's because of all those years he spent in the spotlight as a Mouseketeer on Disney's Mickey Mouse Club where, together with pals such as Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears, he learned the kind of skills that made 'N SYNC "the biggest band in the world" at the time, selling 56 million records worldwide.

Now, the
lock, and flip
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Singer JC Chasez arrives at the 17th annual MTV Movie Awards on June 1, in Universal City, California. Chasez is a judge on MTV's competitive dance show, *America's Best Dance Crew*, but doesn't care for comparisons to Simon Cowell.

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singer/songwriter from Maryland gets to share this knowledge when he reprises his judging duties on the second season of *America's Best Dance Crew*, premiering on June 19. The show, a brainchild of Randy Jackson, capitalizes on the country's current obsession with dance. Each week, hip hop crews battle it out to see who can krump, pop lock, and flip

best.

The response to the first season was so overwhelming (7.9 million regular viewers and more than 38 million voted during the finale) that MTV couldn't wait to bring it back. When viewers aren't on the couch watching the show, they're online ripping Chasez and fellow judge 'Lil Mama apart for their critiquing style. "I've been performing since I was 12," says Chasez. "The scope of it is, I spent 8 years in a band that traveled the world and played the biggest venues in the world. I actually lived in the group dynamic from the onstage point of view of what we wanted to project."

Chasez doesn't plan on

revisiting the boy band setting anytime soon, though. He's busy working on an album (Timberlake is on board as a producer) that he aims to release this fall and is starring in a movie. "I get excited about art," he says, "once you become part of something you want it to be the best it can possibly be, so you feel like if you can add to it you do it."

Bassey pulls out of Mandela concert

Singer has not yet recovered from recent surgery

Welsh-born singer Shirley Bassey has pulled out of Friday's London concert to celebrate former South African President Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday.

The 71-year-old, best known for her James Bond movie theme songs *Goldfinger* and *Diamonds Are Forever*, underwent emergency surgery on her stomach in May and was advised by doctors not to travel to London from her home in Monaco.

"On the advice of her surgeon, Dame Shirley Bassey will now not be able to perform as scheduled at the Nelson Mandela 46664 concert," said her spokesman "The dame is hugely disappointed and was looking forward to the show immensely.

Dame Shirley has been advised not to o



Shirley Bassey

travel at the present time, so as to aid her continued full recovery following surgery last month."

The concert, in London's Hyde Park, is expected to feature acts including Queen, Leona Lewis, Annie Lennox, Simple Minds and Razorlight. Proceeds from the concert will go to the 46664 global campaign against HIV/AIDS, named after Mandela's prison number. REUTERS

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Behind-the-scenes TV fun

Lawsuits, debts, sales keep things interesting

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT'S DUE:

Three writers and producers are taking Corey Haim and Corey Feldman — aka "The Two Coreys" — to court, claiming that they deserve credit for the reality show of the same name that brings the '80s has-beens back together, according to a TMZ.com story. The trio are asking for US \$1 million in compensation.

The lesson of the day is that Hollywood is the only place where anyone would think of demanding credit for such a thing.

It's like some clapped-out swinger fighting for royalties on herpes.

BAD NEWS FOR SECOND BANANAS:

Last month, we learned that Ed McMahon was about to lose his Beverly Hills home, as unpaid mortgage loans meant almost immediate



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foreclosure, news that was somehow played as a high-water mark in the U.S. subprime mortgage crisis.

This week, TMZ.com is carrying a story that, thanks to debts run up by his wife Pamela, he owes some \$750,000 on his American Express card.

Did you ever get the feeling that everything started going to hell the morning after Johnny Carson went off the air?

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NOT JUST SURVIVING:

Former paratrooper and "manny" Mark Burnett might have a few bucks he can loan McMahon, with news that the reality TV impresario is rumoured to be selling his production company to IMG, the talent agency and production company who brought you such golden titles as American Gladiators and Battle Of The Network Stars.

According to a story by the usually-reliable Nikki Finke of L.A. Weekly, Burnett is discussing a figure of around \$500 million for his stable of reality shows, half of it up front, the rest to be "earned out" — paid when IMG sees the returns on its investment.

IMG's head of global operations was recently witnessed defending Burnett at a Hollywood entertainment conference this week, and went on to say that Burnett was a "visionary genius" who's "reimagining television and its models."

Considering how steeply almost all of Burnett's "visionary" shows lose viewership after their first couple of seasons, IMG must have inside information that O.J. Simpson will be doing the next Celebrity Apprentice chained to Judge Lance Ito, Marcia Clark and Mark Fuhrman, in a Plexiglas sphere suspended over a huge vat of boiling Cheez Whiz.

GEORGE CARLIN RIP: The comedian, who passed away this weekend, was one of the major inspirations of my young life — proof of how much mileage you could get just by telling jokes that made your parents upset.

I'd write a longer tribute, but I'm pretty sure I already did that a couple of years ago, when I managed to get a certain Anglo-Saxon four-letter expletive printed over a dozen times in this column, without a single complaint.

That one was for you, George.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

critics' corner

Robson Arms

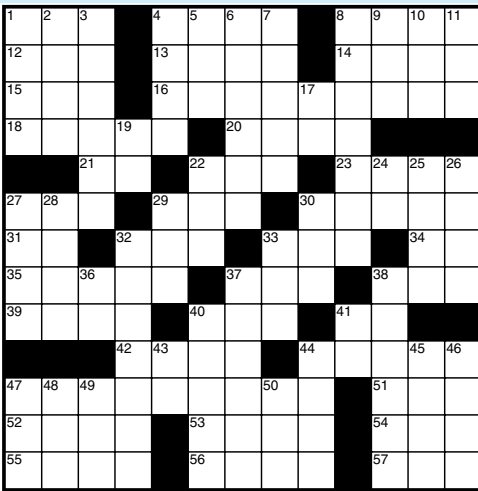
What is it with television and the fixation on hunky doctors? In the new episode "Baby" What Baby? Bobbi (Gabrielle Miller) meets Dr. Right (guest star Shaun Majumder). He's cute, charming and has money to burn. Perfect, right? Well, he would be if he liked kids — of which Bobbi happens to have one. Can the good doctor be turned into father material in time for the wedding in Bobbi's imagination? 9:30 PM on 7 CTV



Wipeout

Ever tried to cross a body of water on a bridge made of enormous red balls? Walked a narrow ledge alongside a wall where boxing gloves pop out at random intervals to knock you off? Been the ball in a giant pinball game? Those are some of the challenges awaiting contestants in this new series, a sort of "Double Dare" meets "Fear Factor" meets boot camp. Contestants brave a series of wacky obstacle courses with a \$50,000 prize for the most successful. 8 PM on 20 ABC

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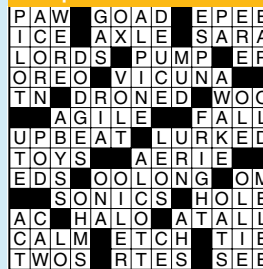
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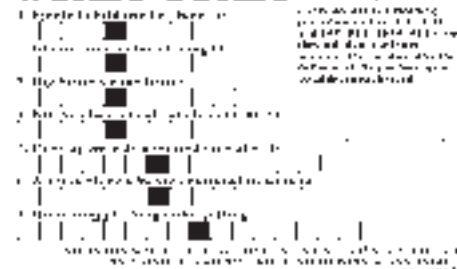
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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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Under 13 minutes
13-17 minutes
17-21
21-25
More than 25

Genius
Scholar
Smart
Pretty good
Keep practising

previous answer

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Ottawa weather

Afternoon



Partly cloudy.
22°

Tonight



Variable.
13°

Wednesday



Showers.
24° / 17°

Thursday



Thunder-showers.
25° / 13°

Friday



Mainly sunny.
25° / 18°



Temperature
Normals
High: 24.6°
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High: 33.2°/2003
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Sunrise: 5:15 a.m.
Sunset: 8:54 p.m.
Moon does not rise
Moonset: 11:10 a.m.

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Diplomatically accept the way things are done. Maintenance slows your travels. A busy workday will be mirthful.


TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Abandonment issues will arise. Be disciplined around your comfort foods. Someone's feelings are hurt while rushing by.


GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Be alert to find a job option. Frenzy results from a change of rules. Stand your ground with a laughable person.


CANCER | June 22-July 22

Make do with what's already available. Some ignorant patter will disturb you. A man who lies must leave the scene.


LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

You can win despite bad odds. A person's game causes a move for freedom. Maintain your honour when you're socializing.


VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Get to the bottom of someone's intimidating actions. Moisture may cause problems. A feeling of insecurity develops after a rebuke.


LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Don't show surprise when you're asked for a date. Paradise is visited with a virtuous person. Buddy remembers a forgotten promise.


SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Don't stifle your fantasy life. There's no time limit for having fun. Someone has a trick up his sleeve.


SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

A temper tantrum will be counter-productive. An angel of mercy breaks with tradition. Heed a woman's instructions.


CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Power plays keep your brain hopping. Help someone with their tedious tasks. Answer the call to fix a debt problem.


AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A steamy romantic event boosts your mood. A stranger provokes a hilarious episode. Listen to those who know more than you.


PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Forgive yourself for being thoughtless. A pessimist gets wildly ambitious. Save the best for last at night.

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 24, 1880: First performance of our national anthem, O Canada, at the Congrès national des Canadiens-Français.

June 24, 1918: First airmail service in Canada from Montreal to Toronto.

June 24, 1916: Mary Pickford becomes the first female film star to get million dollar contract.

June 24, 1983: Space Shuttle program: STS-7 Mission Sally Ride, first female American astronaut, returns to earth.

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Dion holds world's worst cover version

Music: Celine Dion is responsible for the world's worst cover version, a poll of music experts has decided. The star's rendition of the AC/DC track *You Shook Me All Night Long* was given the dubious honour in the Total Guitar magazine survey, BBC News Online reports.

Dion's cover was "sacrilege," editor Stephen Lawson said. The experts also judged the best cover versions, with Jimi Hendrix's performance of the Bob Dylan song *All Along The Watchtower* top of the list. A Sugababes and Girls Aloud version of *Walk This Way*, a huge hit for Aerosmith and Run DMC, came second in the list of worst covers.

Westlife's 1999 version of the ballad *More Than Words* by rock band Extreme was third in the list. Will Young was fourth with his cover of The Doors' *Light My Fire*, which reached number one in the U.K. top 40 charts in 2002, and The Mike Flowers Pops rounded off the top five with their cover of Oasis' *Wonderwall*.

In the list of best covers, The Beatles' rendition of *Twist And Shout*, first recorded by the Top Notes, was in second place, followed by the Guns N' Roses version of the Wings' song *Live And Let Die*. Nirvana's cover of *The Man Who Sold The World* by David Bowie, and Muse's *Feeling Good*, made famous by Nina Simone, also appeared in the Top 5.

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Lopez throws a fit while shopping?

PEOPLE: Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez reportedly pulled diva-esque behaviour while shopping at the Catherine Malandrino boutique in Manhasset, N.Y., near where she lives with her husband, Marc Anthony, PageSix.com reports.



"She demanded the store be shut down for her to shop alone, but they said, 'Absolutely not,'" said a source. "Then one of her eight-person entourage, including two bodyguards with their guns showing, was yelling at the clerk that Jennifer gets a 50 per cent discount."

Lopez's rep did not return a call for comment.

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REALITY TV The producers of *Celebrity Apprentice*, real-estate mogul Donald Trump's reality TV competition, have asked Heather Mills to be a contestant on the show's next season, PageSix.com reports an insider as saying. "Donald (Trump) really likes her, so he was into the idea," said the source.

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Smith doesn't think he's sexy

ATTRACTIVE Will Smith doesn't think he is sexy, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

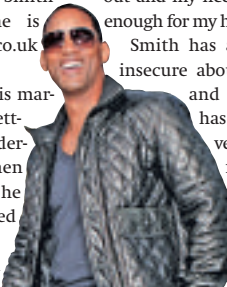
The actor, who is married to Jada Pinkett-Smith, can't understand why women like him, because he has never believed he is attractive.

"I've never seen

myself as sexy," Smith said. "I've been 6-feet-2 since I was 12, and as a kid my ears stuck out and my neck wasn't big enough for my head."

Smith has always been insecure about his looks and claims he has never been very successful with the opposite sex.

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rumours

Depp's marriage not true: Publicist

NUPTIALS Johnny Depp's publicist has been forced to speak out to quash reports alleging the actor and his longtime partner Vanessa Paradis have married, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actor was rumoured to be planning to wed Paradis at actress Sandra Bullock's Georgia home earlier this month, but Depp's representative shot down those claims, insisting they were false. The couple has been together for 10 years and have two children.

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Celebrity brief

SUPPORT Kate Moss is said to be "beside herself" following Rhys Ifans' split from Sienna Miller, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The supermodel, who has had a rocky friendship with the actress, has been rallying around Ifans since the breakup earlier this month, and is doing everything she can to cheer him up.

Meanwhile, Miller is getting support from some unlikely sources, including her ex-boyfriend Jude Law.

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Celebrity Buzz

Spears fears she'll die at 27

LIFE Britney Spears fears she won't live to see her 28th birthday, according to the author of a shocking new expose about the troubled pop star.

Biographer and journalist Ian Halperin spent 18 months studying the singer as an undercover paparazzo, getting close to the star and her inner circle, femalefirst.co.uk reports. And now he's writing about his findings in a book which he hopes to have on

shelves by Christmas.

Amid all the claims of drug abuse, bipolar problems and suicidal tendencies, Halperin states Spears told him personally she fears she will die at 27.

The biographer, who ironically penned a book about Kurt Cobain — who lost his life at 27, tells *Life & Style*

magazine, "She told me she feared she'd die at age 27 (her current age), just like other music stars, like Janis Joplin and Kurt Cobain."

Spears turns 28 on Dec. 2.

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Barnes unhappy with sex symbol status

HEART-THROB The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian star Ben Barnes is embarrassed about his new heartthrob status — insisting he is not comfortable

when people view him as a sex symbol, imdb.com reports. The 26-year-old shot to fame with the title role in the latest adaptation of C.S. Lewis' novels. Barnes insists that although he is grateful for the career boost, he is worried about becoming famous for his looks and not his acting. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Ritchie ventures into whisky

BUSINESS Madonna's husband Guy Ritchie is planning to take on a new business venture by creating his own whisky, imdb.com reports. The moviemaker is set on making the best and most expensive whisky ever,

rumoured to sell for up to six figures. A source tells Britain's *The Sun*, "He plans to stuff the current top prices with his brand. He reckons there are plenty of rich businessmen and rock stars who would pay six figures for the world's best whisky."

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Paltrow pregnant?

RUMOURS Gwyneth Paltrow has sparked rumours she is pregnant after she was spotted with a much more shapely figure, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 35-year-old star also revealed earlier this month she would consider having another baby because she loves being a mum.



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Holmes sends Kidman surprise gift

BABY BASKET Actress Katie Holmes is making nice with mom-to-be Nicole Kidman by giving her baby gifts, star-magazine.com reports. Holmes shipped a gift basket to Kidman, the ex-wife of her husband Tom Cruise. The basket has been stuffed with toys, onesies, a blanket and more from Neiman Mar-



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Tautou struggles with celeb status

PEOPLE Actress Audrey Tautou was sickened by the way her life changed after becoming a celebrity, imdb.com reports. The *Da Vinci Code* star shot to international stardom after her roles in French cult film *Amelie* and the big-screen adaptation of Dan Brown's hit book, but has struggled with losing her anonymity. She tells Britain's *Daily Express*, "I remember when I became very famous after *Amelie* ... A guy came over and gave me a kiss on the cheek. I was shocked. Then he went back to his table and everybody was applauding him like he had won a bet. I was traumatized. I had become a bet!"

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WEDDING Ellen DeGeneres has set a date for her wedding to Portia de Rossi, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple — who have been together since December 2004 — revealed their intention to marry when same-sex ceremonies were legalized in California last month. DeGeneres refused to reveal when the wedding will take place, but did tell fans the ceremony will be broadcast on her talk show.



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alarm bells

LIGHTING UP Shia LaBeouf set off smoke alarms in a U.S. museum when he lit a cigarette in the bathroom, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 21-year-old actor received a stern warning from officials at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, in Washington D.C., after attempting to smoke in the bathroom while filming his new movie *Transformers 2*. When he realized he had set off the alarm, LaBeouf tried to flush the cigarette down the toilet, according to the *National Enquirer* magazine.

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